

# VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND



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Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund  
FY 2016 Annual Report

The Veterans Program Trust Fund was established as part of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Bonus Act on December 23, 1988 under Kentucky Revised Statute Chapter 40.460. This report provides a list of the present members of the Board of Directors.

During this reporting period, the Trust Fund expended/obligated funds for 30 worthy projects that will benefit Kentucky's veteran population. Thirty projects is a record number in one year for the Trust Fund. This report outlines the details concerning each of the Trust Fund expenditures for FY 2015.

Funding sources include dollars generated by taxpayers who are entitled to an income tax refund who may contribute all or a portion of that refund to the Trust Fund through the tax check-off on their state income tax form. The Trust Fund also receives a \$5.00 fee that is included in the price of an initial or renewal Veterans License Plate. The Trust Fund gladly accepts tax-deductible contributions from individuals, groups or corporations. This report outlines the amounts received from each of these sources.

The Trust Fund began the year with a balance of **\$372,485.72**.

Expenditures during the year totaled **\$423,592.47**. The fiscal year ended with a fund balance, less obligations, of **\$348,765.81** as shown in the financial report on page 6. Details concerning the projects are included in the use of funds section beginning on page 5.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Norman E. Arflack".

Norman E. Arflack  
Chair  
Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund

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# Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund

## *History and Operation*

The Kentucky General Assembly established the Veterans Program Trust Fund (VPTF) as part of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Bonus Act on December 23, 1988. The purpose of the VPTF is to direct funding to projects and programs that help Kentucky's veterans but that are not funded by the state General Fund.

The VPTF is overseen by a board of directors whose members are appointed by the Governor. The list of members with their affiliations is on page 10. The VPTF Board of Directors meets several times a year on an *ad-hoc* basis as it receives requests for funding.

The VPTF has received a steady, moderate income from a \$5.00 fee that is included in the initial purchase price and renewal of veterans license plates.

The VPTF is also a legal recipient of tax-deductible contributions from individuals, companies and organizations. Such contributions may be made through the VPTF check-off box on the state income tax form, or directly to the VPTF through personal checks to the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. The Help a Veteran Every day (H.A.V. E.) Program encourages citizens to contribute directly to the Veterans Program Trust Fund at any county clerk office. In Fiscal Year 2010, KDVA started hosting an on-line donation page for the VPTF, allowing individuals to make secure donations by credit card or bank withdrawal.

Kentucky's veterans service organizations have contributed generously to the VPTF since its creation and continue to do so.

Donors may also specify that their contribution go to one of several specific programs/facilities KDVA operates for the benefit of veterans:

- Homeless Veterans Trust Fund
- Women Veterans Programs
- Benefits/Field Operations
- Thomson-Hood Veterans Center (Wilmore)
- Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center (Hazard)
- Western Kentucky Veterans Center (Hanson)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West (Hopkinsville)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (Fort Knox)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North (Williamstown)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East (Greenup)

# **Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund**

## **Highlights for FY 2016 (7/1/15 - 6/30/16)**

As of July 1, 2015, the beginning of the fiscal year, the Trust Fund had **\$376,072.59**. Since that date the Trust Fund board members approved expenditures on 30 worthy programs, the highest number of programs ever supported by the Trust Fund. Here are some of those programs:

- 1. Help VisionWorks house homeless veterans - \$50,000**
- 2. Help Build Gold Star Families Monuments at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central in Radcliff and Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East in Greenup County - \$15,000 each for a total of \$30,000**
- 3. Help the Life Adventure Center with a Trauma Recovery Program for Women Veterans - \$17,000**
- 4. Help the DAV purchase vans to transport veterans to and from medical appointments - \$40,000**
- 5. Support the Veterans Treatment at Transition Program at VAMC Lexington - \$25,000**
- 6. Support Honor Flight Bluegrass in flying Kentucky Veterans to see their monuments in Washington, D.C. - \$20,170**
- 7. Help the Kentucky Foothills Therapeutic Horsemanship Center expand its veterans' programs - \$12,090**
- 8. Support Women's Veterans Programs at Athena's Sisters and KDVA - \$22,000**

**Find more items beginning on Page 11.**

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## Veterans Program Trust Fund - State Funds 6307 and 6308

## Summary Fund Activity Report - Fiscal Year 2016 (July 2015 - June 2016)

Period Ending June 2016 - FINAL YEAR END

Fund Balance, Beginning of FY16		FY 2016 YTD
<b>Carryforward</b>		<b>\$372,485.84</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>		
License Plate Fees (R404)		334,058.24
Tax Check-off (R809)		41,137.00
Miscellaneous Donations (R801 & R802)		20,674.90
KECC Donations (R802)		2,541.20
Miscellaneous Deposits		500.00
Interest Income (R771)		961.10
<b>Total Receipts:</b>		<b>399,872.44</b>
<b>TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>		<b>\$772,358.28</b>

**Expenditures:**

The Home Ice City Co - ice trailer for Vietnam Traveling	\$ 457.00
The Kroger Co - Vietnam Traveling Wall supplies	\$ 22.76
Quality Logo Products, Inc.	\$ 575.87
KYTC Printing (brochures/posters/signs)	\$ 508.52
Kentucky Horse Park	\$ 581.62
Alan Hyman Enterprises (Table Covers for WVP)	\$ 270.00
Athena's Sisters	\$ 8,175.00
DAV - Van	\$ 40,000.00
Flags 4 Vets	\$ 6,000.00
Marine Corp League	\$ 15,000.00
Spirit of Sophia, Inc.	\$ 500.00
Vision Works	\$ 18,000.00
Owen Funeral Home (Indigent Burial)	\$ 1,800.00
Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home (Indigent Burial)	\$ 1,000.00
Hubert Company - Yogurt Machine for WKVC	\$ 3,853.81
Sam's Club (Walmart) - Items for WVP	\$ 85.80
Cave Cremation & Funeral Service	\$ 1,600.00
Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame	\$ 10,000.00
Veterans Outreach	\$ 6,500.00
Kentucky Foothills Therapeutic Horse	\$ 12,090.00
Homeless Veterans Trust Fund	\$ 50,000.00
Auditor of Public Accounts	\$ 9,486.00
Cardinal Office Products	\$ 195.48
NABVETS Fort Knox Chapter #70	\$ 35.00
Care Cremation & Funeral Services (Indigent Burial)	\$ 800.00
Clark Legacy Center (Indigent Burial)	\$ 800.00
Fayette County Indigent Burial Program	\$ 800.00
Alliance Funeral Home (Indigent Burial)	\$ 795.00
Adventure Promotions	\$ 1,875.30
Sheppard's Hands	\$ 6,000.00
Upside Therapeutic Riding	\$ 5,000.00
Life Adventure Center	\$ 17,612.00
Getting Peace For Those Who Served	\$ 8,000.00
Honor Flight Kentucky	\$ 20,000.00

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**State Veterans Cemeteries Fund (637R)****Fund Balance, Beginning of FY16****FY 2016 YTD****Carryforward****\$ 52,007.87**

Additional Donations

41,805.18

Other Adjustments

-

Interest

134.79

**TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS**

93,947.84

Expenditures

\$ 24,710.29

**Ending Balance****\$ 69,237.55****Ending Balance****\$ 75,569.46****Trust Fund Expenditures Continued**

VFW 3769

\$ 20,000.00

Gold Star Families Memorial Monument

\$ 15,000.00

Kentucky Army National Guard Memorial Fund, Inc.

\$ 25,000.00

NASWC - Registration fee for WVP

\$ 25.00

KY Transportation Cabinet - Directional Signs

\$ 36.84

Active Heros ( Registration fee)

\$ 25.00

Main Street Baptist Church of Florence

\$ 1,000.00

Curtis Trophy &amp; Engraving Co., Inc.

\$ 83.00

Western KY University - meeting space WVP

\$ 3,400.86

Looking for Lilith

\$ 700.00

Flags4Vets, Inc.

\$ 5,000.00

Kentucky Wounded Heroes, Inc.

\$ 12,000.00

Marion County Veterans Honor Guard

\$ 10,000.00

Sullivan University

\$ 4,691.61

Radcliff Veterans Center Tribute

\$ 25,000.00

Tyler Prell

\$ 3,211.00

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5171

\$ 25,000.00

Vision Works

\$ 15,000.00

Volunteers of America

\$ 10,000.00

**TOTAL EXPENDED****\$423,592.47****Fund Balance (Cash on Hand)****\$348,765.81**



## HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM



In 2015, the Commonwealth of Kentucky declared its intention to end veteran homelessness by the end of the year. Great efforts were made toward achieving this goal. We still have many homeless veterans living in shelters, with relatives, and even on our streets, but by partnering with other organizations such as the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA), USACares, and numerous other non-profit organizations we have reached the point of being able to assist newly identified homeless veterans. There are now programs to help prevent a veteran from losing their utilities, being evicted, or going hungry. We also have many programs to help veterans to become housed if they are homeless.

We have several Grant Per Diem (GPD) programs throughout the state of Kentucky that are able to offer room and board to homeless veterans with substance abuse and mental illness issues at no cost to the veteran. Veterans can stay in these programs for up to two years while working with case managers and counselors to overcome their addictions, prepare for the workforce, and to overcome any other obstacles they may face. These programs are in Louisville, Lexington, Hopkinsville, and Prestonsburg.



On the left is Billy in June 2015 on the day he entered the VOA GPD program in Lexington. On the right is Billy one year later.



KDVA's homeless veteran coordinator also works closely with the USDVA HUD/VASH programs in Louisville and Lexington KY, Marion IL, Nashville TN, and Huntington WV by using our Homeless Veterans Trust Fund emergency assistance program to pay security deposits for homeless veterans who qualify for HUD vouchers. This helps to alleviate some of the financial burden veterans encounter when first become housed.

KDVA contributed \$3500 to various Stand Down events throughout the state and were able to buy \$1000 worth of hats, gloves, and socks to distribute to homeless veterans during the cold winter months.

The KDVA homeless veteran coordinator partnered with several law enforcement agencies in FY 2016 who assisted in distributing emergency blankets during the coldest months of the year and also in identifying homeless veterans who could then be screened for further assistance. We also distributed thousands of gun locks with the help of the KDVA Youth Council and Sheriff's Departments throughout the state as an attempt to prevent suicide attempts by veterans.



**HOMELESS VETERANS TRUST FUND**

The Homeless Veteran Trust Fund is not limited to helping veterans obtain emergency housing. The Trust Fund also provides emergency financial assistance to veterans in danger of losing their homes. Veterans can obtain the assistance once in a lifetime for up to \$250 to pay utilities (electric, gas, or water) or past-due rent.

**FY 16 Milestones**

Total Assistance to Veterans: **\$78,888**

Veterans Assisted: **347**

Average Amount of Assistance: **\$227**

195 Veterans received rental assistance

134 Veterans received utility assistance

18 Veterans received temporary housing

## Homeless Veterans Trust Fund Fiscal Year 2016

Carryforward 7/1/2016	\$	34,563.50
Revenue		
Donations	\$	4,786.06
Veterans Program Trust Fund	\$	50,000.00
Interest	\$	63.57
Total Revenue	\$	54,849.63
Expenditures		
Total Assistance Granted	\$	81,380.97
Year End Cash Balance	\$	8,032.16

## Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Program Trust Fund Board Members (as of June 30, 2016)

NAME	ORGANIZATION	TERM	NOMINEE	NOMINATION SUBMITTED
Norman E. Arflack	KDVA	201 KAR 37:010 Section 3 (1) (a)	N/A	N/A
Heather French Henry	KDVA	201 KAR 37:010 Section 3 (1) (b)	N/A	N/A
BG Benjamin Adams	National Guard	EO 2013 - 482 07/15/2013 - 07/15/2016		
Ted Austin	Am Legion	EO 2013 - 482 07/15/2013 - 07/15/2016		
Joe Doeblar	AMVETS	EO 2013 - 749 10/16/2013 - 07/15/2016		
Richard Eisert	JECVO	EO 2014 - 891 11/7/2014 - 07-15-2017		
Dave Jarrett	DAV	EO 2014 - 847 10/17/2014 - 07/15/2016		
Carl Kaelin	VFW	EO 2014 - 891 11/7/2014 - 07-15-2017		
Larry Roberts	GAB	EO 2011 - 676 07/15/2011 - 07-15-2017		
Carlos Pugh	At-Large	EO 2014 - 891 11/7/2014 - 07-15-2017		
VACANT	At-Large			

## **Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors September 18, 2015 Meeting Minutes Excerpts**

The following requests for funds were presented:

**1. Marine Corps League 1345 - \$15,000**

Funding to purchase, install and maintain a Gold Star Families monument at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East in Greenup County.

Board voted to approve the request for \$15,000

**2. Disabled American Veterans - \$50,000**

Funding to purchase two vans to transport veterans to medical appointments..

Board voted to approve \$25,000 of the request.

**3. Flags4Vets - \$32,500**

Funding to continue program of placing flags to honor veterans.

Board voted to approve \$6,000 of the request for replacement flags.

**4. VisionWorks - \$18,000**

Funding to assist with Louisville's Veterans Day Parade.

Board voted to approve the request for \$18,000.

**5. Athena's Sisters - \$10,000**

Funding to continue the Women Veterans Writing Workshop.

Board voted to approve \$5,000 for the request.

## **Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors December 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes Excerpts**

The following requests for funds were presented:

VisionWorks - \$50,000

Funding to help homeless veterans obtain permanent housing.

Board voted to approve this request for \$50,000.

Kentucky Foothills Therapeutic Horsemanship Center - \$48,090

Funding to expand its veteran's activities.

Board voted to approve \$12,090 of this request for the purchase of a carriage and harness.

DAV Chapter 128, Floyd County - \$15,000

Funding to purchase a van to transport veterans to and from medical appointment and to transport honor guards.

Board voted to approve this request for \$15,000.

Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame - \$30,000

Funding to offset the cost of operations.

Board voted to approve \$10,000 of this request.

Veterans Outreach - \$2,400

Funding to supply a new Food Pantry that will feed veterans once a month for a year.

Board voted to approve \$3,500 for this request.

Women Veterans Program. - \$14,000

Funding to expand outreach by producing two regional Women Veterans Conferences in Eastern and Western Kentucky

Board voted to approve this request for \$14,000.

## **Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors**

### **March 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes Excerpts**

The following requests for funds were presented:

**Athena Sisters - \$3,175**

Funding to purchase food and paper supplies for the 2nd annual Military Child Appreciation Day.  
Board voted to approve this request for \$3,175.

**Sheppard's Hands - \$62,375**

Funding to renovate a home for women veterans and produce programs for Lady Veterans around the state.  
Board voted to approve \$6,000 of this request for the Meet and Greet.

**Upside Therapeutic Riding - \$5,000**

Funding to provide equine assisted learning to veterans suffering from PTSD, anxiety and depression.  
Board voted to approve this request for \$5,000.

**Life Adventure Center - \$48,624**

Funding for Trauma Recovery Program for women veterans.  
Board voted to approve \$17,612 of this request.

**Bluegrass Honor Flight - \$20,000**

Funding support with expenses for flight to take veterans to Washington, DC.  
Board voted to approve this request for \$25,000.

**Getting Peace - \$15,000**

Funding to financially assist veterans.  
Board voted to approve \$8,000 of this request and requested records of veterans assisted for first three months.

**VFW Post 3769 - \$20,000**

Funding to construct Phase 2 of the Pikeville Veterans Memorial Park.  
Board voted to approve this \$20,000 request.

**Gold Star Families Memorial Monument - \$15,000**

Funding to help construct a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central in Radcliff.  
Board voted to approve this \$15,000 request.

**Kentucky Army National Guard Memorial Fund - \$25,000**

Funding to assist with the continued development and improvement of the Kentucky National Guard Monument in Frankfort.  
Board voted to approve this \$25,000 request.

## **Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors June 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes Excerpts**

The following requests for funds were presented:

VFW Post 5171 - **\$50,000**

Funding to assist in the construction of the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Memorial Project.

Board voted to approve \$25,000 of this request.

Marion County Veterans Honor Guard - **\$10,000**

Funding to assist in purchase a bus to replace its old one.

Board voted to approve this request for \$10,000 and asked that the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.

Sullivan University - **\$7,819.35**

Funding for a pilot program to pay for five transitioning soldiers to attend a Dale Carnegie course..

Board voted to approve \$4,691.61 of this request.

Tyler Press - **\$1,885**

Funding to complete construction of the Vietnam War Memorial at VAMC Louisville.

Board voted to approve \$3,211 for this request.

Flags4Vets - **\$5,000**

Funding to purchase a van to transport flags.

Board voted to approve this \$5,000 request.

Volunteers of America - **\$50,000**

Funding to support programs at the Veterans Transitional Treatment Program at the Lexington VAMC.

Board voted to approve \$25,000 of this request.

Radcliff Veterans Center Tribute - **\$116,000**

Funding to assist in constructing the Radcliff Veterans Center Tribute at Radcliff Veterans Center.

Board voted to approve \$10,000 of this request and asked that the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.



**Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors  
June 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes Excerpts  
(cont'd)**

**Veterans Outreach - \$15,000**

Funding to assist with the Veterans Expo in Ashland.

Board voted to approve \$3,000 of this request and asked that the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.

**Spirit of '45 Commemoration - \$15,000**

Funding to assist with the Spirit of '45 Commemoration Weekend.

Board voted to approve this \$15,000 request and asked that the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.

**Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs - \$2,400**

Funding to purchase Kentucky Veteran lapel pins to present to veterans.

Board voted to approve this \$3,500 request.



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